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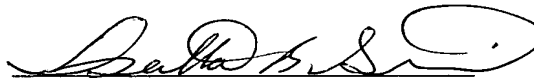
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Sir:

This is a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, of pending prior Application No. 10/700,429 (Confirmation No. 5639), filed on November 3, 2003 of Glenn J. Leedy et al. for MEMBRANE IC FABRICATION (AS AMENDED).

1. ☐ Please enter the Amendment Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 filed on _____ in Application No. _____.
2. ☐ Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief filed on _____ in Application No. _____.
3. ☒ A Reply to an Office Action is enclosed.
4. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) is/are enclosed.
5. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement (in duplicate) is enclosed, including a Form PTO/SB/08 (in duplicate) and copies of thirteen (13) cited references.
6. ☐ A suspension of action on the above-identified patent application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months.
7. ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ in payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is enclosed.
8. ☒ Please charge \$ 395.00 to Deposit Account No. 06-1075 (Order No. 001202.0106) in payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed.

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9. FEE FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS

[X] A fee for additional claims is not required.

[] A fee for additional claims is required.

The additional fee has been calculated as shown below:

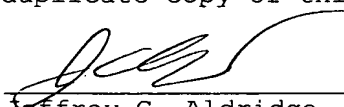
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid for	Present Extra	Rate	Fees
TOTAL CLAIMS	138	-	196*	= 0 x \$25	= \$ 0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	6	-	9**	= 0 x \$100	= \$ 0.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM				+ \$180	= \$ 0.00
TOTAL					\$ <u>0.00</u>

* If less than 20, insert 20.

** If less than 3, insert 3.

10. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of \$ _____ in payment of the fee for additional claims, and to charge any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) in connection with this Request, or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed.
11. ☒ Please grant a ☐ one-month, ☐ two-month, ☒ three-month, ☐ four-month, extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to the Examiner's Action of April 5, 2006 in the above-identified patent application. With the extension, the time for replying is extended up to an including October 5, 2006.
12. ☐ The appropriate fee for a _____-month extension of time to respond to the final rejection was timely paid on _____.
13. ☐ An additional _____-month extension of time to respond to the final rejection is requested.
14. ☐ A check in the amount of \$ _____ in payment of the extension-of-time fee is enclosed.
15. ☒ Please charge the extension-of-time fee of \$ 510.00 to Deposit Account No. 06-1075 (Order No. 099999.0099). A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed.
16. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 in connection with this paper, or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075 (Order No. 001202.0106). A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed.

October 5, 2006
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